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Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF Director, National Security Agency Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear Lew:

I appreciate receiving your letter and "thinkpiece" proposing new central management arrangements for SIGINT activities now conducted by CIA. As you are aware, this matter is the subject of a new CIA study as well as on-going investigation by the House Appropriations Committee investigative staff. Also, mutual arrangeare the subject of discussions among NSA and CIA officers under chairmanship of the IC Staff.

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While I would be happy to discuss this subject with you at any time, I believe it would be preferable to let the current actions proceed to a more definitive point before we meet. In the meantime, I will pass your paper to the staff officers engaged in the problem for such use as it may serve in their deliberations.

Sincerely,

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